

MAJOR CAMDEN CHARGED BY MAYOR

Annual Message Says Building of Bridge Presages Big Future Strides

RAISE FOR DEPARTMENTS

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This group was in charge of David Herman, who has headed the Gloucester organization. They won fifth prize in the civic section.

WILDWOOD WOMEN BURNED

Popular Society Matrons Injured While Dressing for Ball

Wildwood, N. J., Jan. 2.—Two socially prominent matrons of this city were painfully burned about the face and body when their cotton-covered dresses became ignited while they were dressing for the Legion ball, which was held last evening at the Brighton Hotel.

William McClain, proprietor of the Pacific Hotel and husband of one of the women, was downstairs when the accident happened. He ran upstairs, extinguished the flames in the room and pulled the burning dress off Mrs. Rich, but not before she had been painfully burned.

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'BLUEBIRDS' APPEAR 'WHITEWINGS' GONE

Street Cleaners Are Wearing Blue Denim Under New System

CITY NOW DOES OWN WORK

Three thousand street-sweepers at 6 o'clock this morning began pushing their brooms over the streets of the entire city and started municipal street cleaning for Philadelphia.

Mayor Moore and Director Caven made tours of the city to see how the work was going, and both expressed themselves as highly gratified.

In place of the white uniforms the men wore under the contractor system, the sweepers and other employees wear neat uniforms of blue denim. On their left breasts were yellow and blue celluloid badges marked "Department of Public Works, Bureau of Street Cleaning."

"System" Broken, Says Mayor

The old contractor system has gone," said Mayor Moore, "and we intend to prove that it has gone forever. This has been the greatest single achievement of the present Administration."

When the snow began to fall," he said, "I was afraid that Director Caven would be up against a hard task, but the storm did not last long. Director Caven and his assistants have labored hard and earnestly to get everything in order, despite unusual holiday conditions. Things will be normal in a day or two."

This was ash collection day in several parts of the city and the high wind blew much of the litter about, the Mayor said, adding that this was a condition beyond control and would be speedily overcome when the wind died down. He said that the wax the street

formed me that the streets would all be cleaned and the ashes removed on time.

Director Caven was no less delighted at the appearance of things after he finished his tour this morning. The Director covered the West and South Philadelphia sections, while Fred C. Dunlap, Superintendent of the Bureau of Highways, went over the northern district.

The trips took the Director the whole morning and brought him back to City Hall deeply pleased. Besides touring the streets, the Director's party visited stables and stations at Fifty-fourth and Summer streets, Thirty-eighth and Market streets, Twenty-fifth and Callowhill streets, Thirtieth and Callowhill streets and Thirtieth and Shunk streets.

In every case, he said, the district superintendents told him things were moving wonderfully. There were plenty of men; in fact, in South Philadelphia it was necessary to turn away some who wanted to work.

"We had 40 per cent more men and equipment on the streets this morning than the contractors ever had," said Director Caven. "The inspectors in-

formed me that the streets would all be cleaned and the ashes removed on time.

"We are out to make a record and will insist on the street cleaners doing better work than they ever have before. It is those men whom we took over from the contractors do not improve they will be allowed to go and new men will fill their places."

From the observation of Mr. Dunlap and myself I feel sure that we will have an efficient organization in a very short time."

The Director said there would be an equipping of equipment within a few days so that all districts would have just what was needed. He also said that there would be a stricter enforcement of the rule that the ash carts shall be covered at all times to prevent the rubbish from blowing over the streets.

He said there would be twenty-two complaint inspectors and that the cleaners would be checked up as never before. He said they all had orders to pick up any papers they see along the sidewalks as well as to clean the streets.

Director Caven has 1700 horses to draw the refuse, ash and garbage wagons. A fleet of motor trucks also is ready to help make Philadelphia a real "Spotless Town."

About one-half of the street cleaning equipment was purchased by the city

from the contractors who are displaced by the new system. Only the equipment in good condition was bought. Municipal street cleaning is an outcome of the Woodward Charter.

THEATRE BAN OBSOLETE

M. E. Pastor Says It Is Disregarded by Many Laymen and Preachers

New York, Jan. 2.—(By A. P.)—The Rev. Harry Dwight Miller, of Brooklyn, declared in a sermon last night that the so-called ban of the Methodist Church on the theatre was "obsolete and misrepresents the spirit of Methodism to the outside world."

The minister's explanation of the Church's attitude came at the close of a service during which Harry Davenport, an actor, spoke on the subject of "Clean Plays."

"The so-called ban of the Methodist Church is not a rule, but a provision in the judicial section of the discipline," he said, adding that it was disregarded by "most laymen and many preachers."

Mr. Davenport defined a "clean" play as one to which a man might take his wife, sister or daughter without blushing, and Dr. Miller summed up his attitude by declaring he wished there were more of them.

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SK AID IN WAR PREVENTION

Governors Requested to Keep Up Work for Permanent Peace

Washington, Jan. 2.—(By A. P.)—In an effort to "prevent public enmity" on world peace after the close of the Washington Conference, the National Council for Limitation of Armaments announced today that it had written the Governors of the forty-eight States asking support in "educating public sentiment during the coming year for the next step toward permanent peace."

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